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SUBJECT: LTDP PART OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE AND SEPARATE  
PUBLIC RELEASE ON LTDP

REFS: A. USNATO 05241, DTG 241204Z MAY 78

- B. USNATO 05242, DTG 241223Z MAY 78
- C. USNATO 05245, DTG 241248Z MAY 78
- D. USNATO 05246, DTG 241301Z MAY 78
- E. USNATO 05270, DTG 241636Z MAY 78

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LTDP PORTION OF SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE

1. WITHIN THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN PARAS 2-4 BELOW, WE  
AGREE THAT YOU USE YOUR OWN DISCRETION AND A  
FLEXIBLE APPROACH IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR STATED OBJECTIVE  
(REF D) TO RETAIN AS MUCH OF THE REVISED TEXT (REF B)

OF THE LTDP PORTION OF THE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE AS YOU CAN AND TO SEEK REMOVAL OF THE TURKISH ADDITION TO PARA 4, REF B, DURING THE 25 MAY DRAFTING SESSION.

2. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PARA 2 OF LTDP PART OF COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE WORDING OF THE SUMMIT REPORT ON EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR THE THREE US DIVISIONS. THE WORDS "... WITH PROVISION BY EUROPEAN ALLIES OF THE NECESSARY FACILITIES." SHOULD BE DELETED FROM THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF PARA 2 OF THE REVISED TEXT AND THE FOLLOWING NEW SENTENCE, REFLECTING THE WORDING IN THE REPORT, INSERTED BEFORE THE LAST SENTENCE: "THE MAIN BURDEN FOR THIS MEASURE WILL BE BORNE BY THE UNITED STATES, BUT COMPLETION WILL ALSO DEPEND UPON APPROPRIATE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING AND HOST COUNTRY SUPPORT."

3. RE PARA 2, REF D, WE WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN OUR BRACKETED LANGUAGE "INCLUDING A STUDY OF STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY" BUT COULD AGREE TO YOUR COMPROMISE "STRENGTHENING OF IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY". YOU ALSO MIGHT FIND IT TACTICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO REVERT TO THE WORDS IN THE REPORT: "INCLUDING A STUDY OF THE QUESTION WHETHER, AND IF SO TO WHAT EXTENT, A STRENGTHENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY OF NATO WOULD BE NECESSARY."  
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4. ALTHOUGH WE FEEL THAT THE NEW PARA 5 DOES NOT MATERIALLY IMPROVE THIS PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE, WE DO NOT OBJECT TO ITS INCLUSION.

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5. WE ALSO AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSED POSITION (REF E) THAT YOU HAVE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY AT THE 25 MAY MEETING IN YOUR EFFORT TO PRESERVE AS MUCH OF THE PRESENT TEXT AS POSSIBLE AND RESIST ATTEMPTS TO TONE DOWN OR WAFFLE THE TEXT OF THE SEPARATE PUBLIC RELEASE ON LTDP. WE PARTICULARLY AGREE THAT LANGUAGE MUST BE INSERTED IN THE INTRODUCTORY SECTION THAT WOULD UNDERSCORE THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF THE LTDP AS A LONG-TERM ALLIANCE-WIDE ACTION PROGRAM. THEREFORE, YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR THE INCLUSIO; OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH IN PLACE OF THE CURRENT FIRST PARAGRAPH:

"AT THEIR MEETING IN WASHINGTON THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATING IN NATO'S INTEGRATED DEFENSE STRUCTURE APPROVED WHAT SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS CALLED 'A

DOCUMENT UNIQUE IN THE HISTORY OF NATO.' IT IS AN UNPRECEDENTED LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ADAPT THE DEFENSE POSTURE OF THE ALLIANCE TO CHANGING NEEDS OF THE 1980S, ES,ECIALLY THE NEED FOR GREATER ALLIANCE COOPERATION TO PRESERVE CREDIBLE DETERRENCE/DEFENSE AT POLITICALLY FEASIBLE COST."

6. WE AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSAL (PARA 3, REF E) CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE CANADIAN TEXT IN PARA 3,BIS REF C,BUT COULD ACCEPT TOTAL CANADIAN TEXT IF OTHER COUNTRIES AGREE.

7. RE PARA 3, REF E, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR OUR BRACKETED LANGUAGE ON STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY. HOWEVER, WE COULD ACCEPT THE SAME COMPROMISE  
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OUTLINED IN PARA 3 ABOVE. IF NO ONE SUPPORTS ANY OF YOUR COMPROMISES, YOU CAN AGREE TO DROP REFERENCE TO THIS IN THE COMMUNIQUE IN EXCHANGE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF INCLUSION IN THE PUBLIC RELEASE.

8. WITHIN YOUR GENERAL MANDATE OF FLEXIBILITY, YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO SECURE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. TRY CHANGING THE SECOND SENTENCE TO READ: "INCREASED ALLIANCE-WIDE COORDINATION OF NATIONAL DEFENSE PLANNING IS REQUIRED TO REDUCE INEFFICIENCIES AND PROVIDE STRENGTHENED ALLIANCE FORCES."

B. WE BELIEVE THAT PARA 6, REF C, WOULD BE STRENGTHENED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE AT THE END OF THE PARA: "ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR ENSURING AN EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-THROUGH FOR THE MEASURES APPROVED UNDER THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM."

C. THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE SHOULD BE ADDED TO PARA 7, REF C, TO REFLECT THE DECISION TAKEN BY HEADS OF STATE CONCERNING READINESS: "NATIONS WILL SEEK TO REVIEW LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL IMPEDIMENTS WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT COMMITTED FORCES CAN BE PLACED UNDER NATO COMMAND IN A PERIOD OF CRISIS WITH MAXIMUM RAPIDITY AND SYNCHRONIZATION."

D. PARA 8, REF C, ON REINFORCEMENT DOES NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE WORDING OF THE SUMMIT REPORT ON ALLIED SUPPORT TO THE THREE US DIVISIONS, AND YOU SHOULD PRESS FOR THE SAME CHANGE AS REQUESTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. ALSO IN PARA 8, REF C, THE PENULTIMATE  
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SENTENCE DOES NOT REFLECT THE REQUIREMENT FOR BOTH  
THE US AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO MODIFY CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

E. RE PARA 9, REF C, THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE FROM  
THE RE,ORT SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE FINAL CLAUSE  
IN THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 9. "THIS WOULD MAKE  
GOOD USE OF THE LARGE POOL OF INDIVIDUAL RESERVISTS  
IN EUROPE AND ;OULD RESULT IN ADDITIONAL COMBAT  
UNITS FOR INITIAL REINFORCEMENTS, COMPLEMENTING  
PLANS TO SPEED UP REINFORCEMENTS FROM ACROSS THE  
ATLANTIC."

F. ON AN EDITORIAL BASIS, IT APPEARS THAT ONE OF THE  
TWO "THROUGH THE 1980S" PHRASES IN THE LAST  
SENTENCE OF PARA 3, REF C, COULD BE DELETED.

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